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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6309

BILL NUMBER: HB 1559

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 10, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Inspection Fee Waivers.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Blanton

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill exempts volunteer fire departments and public libraries from the payment of certain fees imposed by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: In CY 2007, plan review fees for projects for public libraries were approximately \$8,200. Review fees for volunteer fire departments were approximately \$9,300. If 2007 was an average year, the annual reduction in revenue is estimated at \$17,500.

Review fees are deposited in the Fire and Building Services Fund which is used to finance the operations of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Based on 2007 data, local expenditures for volunteer fire departments and libraries would be reduced by around \$17,500.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DHS.

Local Agencies Affected: Volunteer fire departments; Libraries.

Information Sources: DHS.

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